



# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Section (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/404,923
Filing Date	September 24, 1999
Examiner Name	William D. THOMSON
First Named Inventor	Francois DOUEZY et al.
Group Art Unit	2123
Attorney Docket Number	003921.00144

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Signature		Date	April 2, 2004

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**PTO FEE TRANSMITTAL**  
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Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.  
☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

**Complete if Known**

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**FEE CALCULATION**

**1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		1001	770	Utility filing fee	770
		1002	340	Design filing fee	
		1003	530	Plant filing fee	
		1004	770	Reissue filing fee	
		1005	160	Provisional filing fee	
<b>SUBTOTAL (1)</b>					<b>(\$ 770)</b>

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

Total Claims: 0  
Independent Claims: 0  
Multiple Dependent: 0

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		1202	18	Claims in excess of 20	
		1201	86	Independent claims in excess of 3	
		1203	290	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
		1204	86	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
		1205	18	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
<b>SUBTOTAL (2)</b>					<b>(\$ 0)</b>

**FEE CALCULATION (continued)**

**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
		1051	130	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
		1052	50	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
		1053	130	Non-English specification	
		1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
		1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
		1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
		1251	110	Extension for reply within first month	
		1252	420	Extension for reply within second month	
		1253	950	Extension for reply within third month	
		1254	1,480	Extension for reply within fourth month	
		1255	2,010	Extension for reply within fifth month	
		1401	330	Notice of Appeal	
		1402	330	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
		1403	290	Request for oral hearing	
		1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
		1452	110	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
		1453	1,330	Petition to revive - unintentional	
		1501	1,330	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
		1502	480	Design issue fee	
		1503	640	Plant issue fee	
		1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
		1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (q)	
		1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
		8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
		1809	770	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
		1810	770	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
		1801	770	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
		1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____					
*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid					<b>SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 0)</b>

**SUBMITTED BY**

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